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As per the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2021-22 report, the number of new government schools opening in Karnataka reduced drastically over the past three academic years.

In 2021-22, only 18 schools were established in Karnataka as compared to 229 schools in 2018-19 — a 92% decrease over the past few years. At the national level, the number went down from 2,350 schools in 2018-19 to 603 in 2021-22.

POLL PLANK
Schools for all

Experts BM spoke to said children's right to affordable and compulsory education is being violated due to the government's negligence towards the education sector.

"The major reason for the reduction in establishment of government schools is that they are going for more and more private unaided schools. The existing government schools are also not following the

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"In Karnataka, already there are around 14,000 schools where the total enrolment is below 50
— Niranjan Aradhya, public education expert

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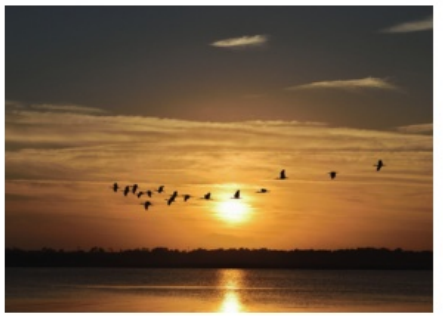

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Ornithologists in Bengaluru say there has been a decline in bird diversity in the wetlands as well as parts of the city. The birders blamed poor town planning for the decline. According to them, there has been a significant decrease in the number of avians in the city compared to previous years.

"Wetlands are technically defined as areas in the margins of land and water which means they include our lakes with fluctuating water levels alongside the irrigated paddy fields. In Bengaluru, in the early centuries, we had a lot more lakes and paddy cultivation all around the city. However, the landscape has changed so much. We have lost our cultivated areas. An example is Sarjapur Road which had paddy fields all along the stretch. However, all that has vanished now. Earlier when we used to count the birds, we would count a lakh of water birds in a 40-km radius of Bengaluru. Bellandur Lake used to have almost 20,000 migratory ducks, and Lalbagh used to see around 800 to 1,600 ducks depending on the year. Now, we have destroyed the habitat which has affected the bird population in the city," Dr Krishna MB, an ornithologist, told BM.

He added that poor town planning is the major reason behind the decline of urban bird diversity. Earlier, almost 2.5-5% of the area was under wetlands and another 15% would account for woodland.

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Hunt for Karnataka's talent

VK Navatare, a one-of-a-kind beauty pageant and talent hunt for college students is back, and if you're one of those who wants to shine on the ramp, this is your moment! In fact, VK Navatare is the one and only beauty pageant and talent hunt conducted for college students by VK (Bangalore Mirror's sister concern and number one newspaper in Karnataka). The fifth edition of VK Navatare has begun and if you are yet to enrol, here's your chance right now. VK Navatare is an excellent platform for all the college girls aiming for a career in TV, films and entertainment

"VK Navatare is a prestigious event and I waited for two years to prepare and participate. It has given me a great platform. It has boosted my morale and confidence and opened up a number of career opportunities
– Manushree, VK Navatare 2021 winner

in general. The participants and winners of the previous editions have made it big in their respective. VK Navatare as it is one of the most trustworthy beauty pageants and talent hunt and one of its kind conducted by a newspaper in Karnataka. Currently, auditions are being held at Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi, Belagavi, Davanagere and Kalaburagi. The entry is completely free. After auditions at regional levels, the finale will be held at Bengaluru. So, don't miss this golden opportunity and enrol now.

The participants of VK Navatare-5 may bag a chance to act in Star Suvarna Channel *(Conditions Apply)

HOW TO ENROLL

Students studying in Karnataka's colleges in the age group of 18 to 23 are eligible. The interested students can send their personal biodata along with photos (both closeup and a full-size photo) along with a self-introductory video. The profiles should include necessary details: name, address, college name, class details, and parents' names along with a copy of the college identity card. The details can be sent on **WhatsApp 8880852240.** The last date for entry is **December 20, 2022.**

1 THING TO DO

01 Calling theatre lovers

What better way to start the weekend than by watching a play? Catch Nari Kakkekaayi Kathe, a one-of-a-kind play being directed by Sudhanya AK, and written by Pradyumna AK. This is a performance for all theatre lovers. **Where:** Ravindra Kalakshetra
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TO EAT OR NOT!

More than 30 cake art sculptures will be on public display from December 16 – January 1 for the 48th annual cake show being held at St Joseph's school ground. The much-awaited annual event is celebrated ahead of Christmas and New Year.

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Not much hospitality for students in this hostel

Creepy crawlies in food, no cleaning staff, lack of sanitation facilities are some of the major problems plaguing residents of Government Science College Boys Hostel

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Poor sanitation facilities, low-quality food, and water leakage are just a few of the problems that the students living in government-run hostels in Bengaluru are facing. Recently, the students from Government Science College Boys' Hostel located near Trinity Metro Station in Bengaluru highlighted their experiences of living in the hostel.

The hostel designated for the students belonging to Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe studying in Nrupathunga University is managed by the Department of Social Welfare and has been lying in a state of neglect.

Ajay, a student living in the hostel, told Bangalore Mirror that one of the major issues faced by the students is the lack of sanitation facilities.

"For a long time, no one has been cleaning the hostel and it has become filthy. There is no staff present for a very long time for cleaning the premises.

There are more than 360 students staying in the hostel currently and the place has been neglected by the authorities. There is a water leakage issue as well inside the restrooms," he said.

The students say that the food being provided by the hostel management is also poor quality and unhealthy for consumption.

Bags of uncleared garbage on the premises of Government Science College Boy's Hotel

"A few times, there have been insects in the rice that is being served. We have complained to the warden but nothing has improved so far. Even the basic facilities are not there for us students in the hostel," Ajay added.

The students even staged a protest against the poor management and lack of basic facilities at the hostel premises on Monday, December 12.

"The condition of the building is also very poor. Many doors and windows have loose bolts and hinges. Some students do not have beds and are sleeping with a mattress on the floor which has not even been cleaned for a long time... The hostel Wi-Fi has not been recharged for over three months now and the student's studies are also getting hampered because of that," said another student from the hostel.

"Some students don't have beds and are sleeping with a mattress on the floor which has not been cleaned for a long time
– A student, Government Science College Boys' Hostel

"There is a security and sanitation issue as well. The BBMP has given permission to tobacco stalls to set up around the hostel and it has created a nuisance," he added. The students also informed us that many computers have also been stolen from the premises due to the lack of security facilities.

Currently, the hostel's study room has only seven computers for more than 300 students staying in the hostel.

Shrinivas Balli, Vice Chancellor of the Nrupathunga University said, "The hostel was handed over to the department of Social Welfare for management and hence, the university has nothing to do with it."

When BM tried to reach out to the department of Social Welfare, they were not available for a comment on the situation.

Some taxing news for commercial entities

Biz properties paying residential property tax under scanner

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has identified around 23,767 houses who are committing tax fraud by paying taxes in the category of residential properties but were actually commercial entities.

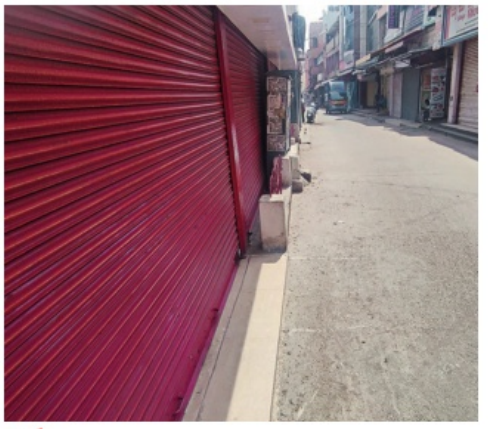
Overall, 23,767 properties have been found to have given wrong data to BBMP. Among the violators, maximum are from BBMP West zone (4,075 properties), followed by South-3,954, Bommanahalli: 3,545, East: 3,298, Yelahanka: 3,200, Mahadevapura: 2,562, RR Nagar: 2,139 and Dasarahalli: 994 property-owners.

The tip-off came when BBMP officials found that a plot in Koramangala was shown as vacant land and hence the owner was paying a nominal property tax. However, when the officials checked with BESCOM, the property was found to draw electricity. This was a clear indication that the property owner was faking the records to the civic agency. Following this, BBMP decided to go for mass verification.

A senior BBMP official said, "Many houses would pay lesser property tax claiming that their house has been built for residential purposes. However, they may be illegally using it for commercial purposes."

BBMP's Special Commissioner (Finance) Jayaram Raipura said the civic agency follows the self-assessment scheme where the property owner has to give a self-declaration. "When we verified the documents with BESCOM, we found that these houses had registered as commercial entities with BESCOM. So, we have started to map them. So far, 60 to 65 per cent of these properties have been verified by us. Now, we are geo-tagging these properties. Thanks to the verification, we hope to procure an additional Rs 130 crore as property tax. If we do verification of all the residential properties in the city, then the BBMP's property tax collection may go up by Rs 300 crore."

BBMP special commissioner (revenue) Dr Deepak RL added that they were able to verify the property details, thanks to an in-house algorithm



"Many houses may be paying lesser property tax by claiming that their house has been built for residential purposes

–A senior BBMP official

that verifies the name and address of BBMP data with the BESCOM data. If there is any discrepancy, then it will alert officials.

Malls under focus too: BBMP

Meanwhile, Raipura said that there were plans to reassess the property taxes collected from malls.

Dr Deepak added, "Currently, BBMP is yet to recover around Rs 55 crore dues from seven to eight malls. So, we are planning various measures. There is a provision in the BBMP 2020 Act where we can seize movable, immovable and bank accounts."

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said they would try to seize movable properties and then go for attaching bank accounts. Once the due amount is paid, then they will withdraw the attachment.

"If we get the data, we hope that the tax revenue will go up," added Raipura.

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Jewellery worth Rs 30L missing from bank locker

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Gold jewellery worth Rs 30 lakh has gone missing from a Karnataka bank locker. A case has been registered by the victim against bank manager Pradeep, custodian Soumya and Nalan at Yelahanka police station.

The victim, Krishnakumar, had kept the jewellery in the locker and left for Germany. When he came back and opened the locker, it was empty. Krishnakumar immediately informed the bank manager.

The bank manager had allegedly asked for time for three days to get back the jewellery.

Love gone sour

A young man set fire to the two-wheeler of a girl he was in love with.

The incident happened within Halasuru police station limits. The accused, Vikram, has been arrested by the police. He was also previously involved in a drug case and was jailed for a few months.

The accused, who was peddling drugs in BTM Layout, Madiwala and Koramangala, was in love with a young woman for the past three years.

Vikram, who spent eight months in jail, suspected that the girl had informed the police about Vikram's drug peddling. Based on a complaint by the girl, Halasuru police station registered a case.

Tractor driver injured

A man was critically injured after a BMTC bus collided with a tractor and hit an electric pole in Anekal. The incident took place on the main road of Jangal Palya near Bannerghatta in Anekal taluk on Wednesday night.

"The tractor driver sustained serious injuries due to the collision and has been admitted to the local hospital," said the police.

After the accident, the BMTC driver and operator escaped and a case was registered at the Bannerghatta police station.

House helps flee with Rs 2.5 cr

Two domestic workers escaped after stealing valuables worth Rs 2.5 crore.

The incident happened in Hanumanthanagar Police station's jurisdiction. The accused, Lalit and Bahadur, from Nepal, were working in the house of a rich businessman in the city. Last week, the businessman went on a trip to Singapore with his family. While they were gone, valuable gold jewellery, cash, diamond rings, and valuables worth Rs 2.5 crore were stolen.

When he came home, he checked the CCTV footage. A case has been registered at Hanumanthanagar.

CRIME FILES

Engineering student found dead

An engineering student of a private college was found dead in a hostel bathroom.

Ankush (name changed), 19, was an engineering student of a private college near Bannerghatta. He was from Kerala. He had joined the college on December 1 this month. It is suspected that he killed himself.

The incident came to light when a friend informed the hostel warden that he was not opening the door of his room.

He was found dead in the bathroom with his throat cut. Bannerghatta police visited the place and conducted an inspection.

Doc in trouble over wrong meds

A case was filed against a doctor after a woman's leg was infected when she took the medicines prescribed by him.

Jyothi, a garment worker from Sanjeevini Nagar in Hegganahalli, had visited the clinic complaining of fever. She received two injections from the doctor, who also recommended some medication.

The area which was injected started to blacken within a few days. He then handed her some cream as she returned to the clinic.

A case has been registered at Rajagopal Nagar and the police have arrested clinic owner Kumaraswamy and Nagaraj.

Community hall-ted: 'Work faster, BBMP'

Slow-paced work on Jogupalya's community hall affects economically weaker families who depend on it for weddings, birthdays, family functions

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Construction in progress at Jogupalya's community hall; not everyone in the area can afford private halls

The community hall maintained by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in Jogupalya was the most preferred destination for lower-middle class and middle class families to organise marriages, birthdays, and family functions. The fee fixed for hiring the hall was affordable and it was a convenient place as there was ample parking space.

For the last three years, since the hall's demolition to facilitate the construction of two new community halls, families have been facing a lot of trouble finding an alternative venue to host functions. The BBMP floated a tender inviting bidders to construct community halls not only in Jogupalya but also in three other Shanthinagar wards. The civic body allocated Rs 39 crore for the construction of four such community halls. However, construction work has been stopped for the last six months in Jogupalya.

"We have raised the issue during the ward committee meeting in 2019 chaired by Gautam Kumar, the mayor at the time. Kumar expressed displeasure over the sluggish progress in the construction of the hall. If the BBMP is unable to complete it, let it hand over the work to the public," said BR Chandran, a social activist.

Demanding BBMP authorities to ensure completion of the construction work without any further delay, V Harikumar, a social activist from Halasuru, said that people from economically weaker families cannot afford to celebrate family functions at community halls owned by private entities. "There was a community hall near Cox Town that was demolished. The condition of the community hall near Halasuru Lake is horrible. The hall in Jogupalya was very convenient and affordable," said Harikumar.

Many residents from Murphy Town, Gupta Layout, Lakshmipuram, Kadirannapalya, and Old Binnamangala want the Palike to expedite construction of the community hall in Jogupalya as it is very convenient for the people from surrounding areas. "I used to attend Durga Puja during Navratri celebrations. The Bengali community people used to organise cultural programmes on the occasion at Jogupalya Community Hall," said Manoj S, a resident of Jogupalya.

> **"The condition of the community hall near Halasuru Lake is horrible. The hall in Jogupalya was very convenient and affordable**
> – V Harikumar, social activist

BBMP assistant executive engineer said a contractor has been assigned to construct the building that will accommodate two community halls. "The contractor stopped the work stating that he is yet to receive funds from the BBMP. We are taking measures to complete the work in two to three months," said the assistant executive engineer.

Meanwhile, Shanthinagar MLA NA Haris said that he has already convened a meeting with the BBMP engineers to discuss the delay. "The construction of three community halls has been stopped. We are at it. I convened a meeting to discuss the issue," informed the MLA.

Free-for-all in Somasundarapalya

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Commuters using this stretch face a lot of problems due to vehicles coming in from all directions despite it being a one-way

Residents of Somasundarapalya say that despite the area being one-way, vehicle owners do not follow rules and drive on the road in all directions. This has been leading to congestion. Manish Sharma, a resident of the area, said, "There is a blatant violation of traffic rules by everyone. Despite the road being one-way, people drive in from all directions. This is leading to a lot of congestion."

Residents complained about being stuck in traffic for long hours. Ritesh Kashyap, another resident, said, "Because of the fault of other people, it is us residents who have to face issues. There have been several instances where I have gotten stuck in traffic for almost 30 minutes. There should be strict action against people who violate the rules." Residents said that violating the rules can also prove to be dangerous. Abhinav Singh, also a resident, said, "People can easily get into accidents. There have been quite a few times when vehicles have just suddenly come in front of my bike while I was driving on the road. Luckily I have been able to hit the brakes on time whenever such a thing happened. However, it is still very dangerous."

Some of the residents also feel that the road in the area is quite narrow, which adds to their issues.

Chandraprakash S, one of the affected locals, said, "The road in the area is quite narrow, and this is further adding to our problems. There is very little space for everyone to pass through this road. Hence, apart from looking into traffic violations, the authorities should also take steps to widen the road."

There were also complaints about cars stuck in traffic honking a lot, creating a lot of noise and disturbing the people staying nearby.

Karan Pandey, another local, told Bangalore Mirror that whenever there is congestion, there is also a lot of sound pollution.

All the vehicles just keep honking at each other, he said, adding that it causes a ruckus and disturbs all the residents.

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Untreated sewage

Marathahalli

Untreated sewage from Doddanekundi is being dumped in this rajakaluve in Marathahalli for about four years.

Clear the waste

NGEF Layout

Garbage has not been cleared in front of Jal Vayu Towers, NGEF Layout.

Unsafe zone

Malleswaram

This unfinished work site opposite Kaadu Malleswara temple, Sampige Road is not marked and invisible at night. People have had minor accidents.

For this doc, laughter is indeed the best medicine

Dermatologist by day and theatre artiste in his free time, Dr Abraham will tackle issues that men hesitate to speak about with his play

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This Bengaluru-based doctor is up for some comic relief. During the day, he is busy treating patients with dermatological problems, but in his free time, he entertains people through his plays and comedy shows, just to bring a smile to their faces.

The image of a doctor is generally seen to be sober and serious, and many even think that doctors lack a sense of humour. They clearly have not met Dr. Anil Abraham, consultant dermatologist, who lives by his motto of putting smiles on people's faces.

Even during the pandemic, when all drama and plays were shut down due to restrictions, the doctor found a way to reach out to the public via Instagram with his handle @docanilabe, on which he would reach a wider audience. Many got interested in Dr Abraham's jokes and began reposting them as their stories on their profiles. The daily humorous feed would lighten up days of the pandemic.

However, according to Dr Abraham, the feeling of performing live in front of the audiences is way too special, as it is on the stage that one can feel the energy of the audience and get their feedback in person.

Dr Abraham has done shows in 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2017 and now after a break due to the pandemic, he will be back with his show 'Gentlemen' that is written and directed by him. It will be held on December 17 at Alliance Francaise and December 18 at Jagriti in Whitefield.

The play will deal with issues that men hesitate to speak about. "The focus is on men's issues because men never talk about their problems. Women are far more liberated in this respect. They talk about their fears, their anxieties, problems, insecurities and needs. Men have traditionally been weak at communication. They avoid issues and use the ostrich approach of pretending that they don't exist. So this is an attempt to force men to sit down and confront real problems through humour."

He said Gentlemen is a comedy. "The medium of comedy is chosen because humour makes social issues palatable. It makes you laugh. But it also makes you think. In fact, a lot of times, the thinking and introspecting happens after the play. It discusses issues ranging from toxic masculinity to patriarchy to women's safety in public spaces, the freedom of choice, the male gaze and the need for men to participate in social change."

When asked why he was drawn to theatre, he said, he has been doing theatre for over 30 years. "I have been involved in theatre in some form since my school days. As a doctor and dermatologist, I meet and interact with people every day. So also as a teacher, I interacted with many batches of medical students and young doctors while I was a Professor at St. John's Medical College. The common link is effective communication. Patients want a friendly doctor who can communicate to them clearly. Students today need to be taught in a manner that helps them to enjoy their class and grasp the concepts being taught without preaching. So also in theatre and in social media, people love content creators who are able to take common topics and create magic out of the ordinary. I think it's important to maintain a work life balance and following one's passion does not dilute your profession, in fact it enhances it."

Gentlemen will also feature Ashvin Matthew, Aiyyo Shraddha and Ajith Hande who are well-known names in film, television and as social media content creation.

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Test run to ease traffic

Police to make Iblur junction signal free on trial basis with hopes to limit congestion

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Commuters and residents in the area have been long asking for a signal free Iblur junction

Bengaluru Traffic Police have decided to make Iblur junction a signal free route on a trial basis. The junction, which is an intersection to the Outer Ring Road (ORR), has been a heavily congested route for a long period. Commuters have been asking to make it a signal free one for years now. Special Commissioner Traffic MA Saleem agreed to carry out the trial.

The Namma Bengaluru Foundation (NBF) and Bellandur Development Forum (BDF), met Saleem to discuss and request for support to enable mobility infrastructure in places like Sarjapur Road, Iblur, and ORR.

The Iblur junction is said to have eight different channels for traffic flow. People commuting from HSR Layout to Sarjapur Road have to pass by Iblur junction. It is the same for those coming from HSR Layout towards Marathahalli. Those living in apartment complexes near the Iblur lake and going to HSR Layout also need to take the junction. People coming from Marathahalli have to take a U-turn at Iblur to go to ORR, which causes severe congestion.

Despite six traffic policemen managing traffic in the area, the place is still congested every day. Residents stated that school-going children and office-goers are habitually late because of this problem.

Vishnu Prasad, member of BDF, said, "For the Sarjapur residents, it is an everyday nightmare. Commuters are stuck in traffic for hours at the Iblur signal. Even 1.5 km before the signal, commuters are found waiting in a jam. It was an issue that needed to be addressed. Now, we have got a positive response from the police. We are hopeful that if the junction is made signal free, it will ease traffic from all sides."

Meanwhile, residents have even asked for a junction upgrade at Iblur. The BMRCL has been carrying out ORR metro work. BDF members have submitted a detailed plan where the metro pillar or station does not cause any hindrance once the junction is made signal free.

Naveen, Circle Inspector, HSR Layout traffic police, said, "The special commissioner has asked to make Iblur junction a signal free corridor. We have asked BMRCL to clear out all the debris near the underpass, after which, in a week, a trial run will be carried out."

Residents also want traffic signals at three locations along the Sarjapur stretch. "For 6 km in Sarjapur, we have only one signal at WIPRO. This causes traffic to pile up at one junction. If we have signals put up at Kaikondrahalli, Doddakennali, and Carmelaram, it will help with vehicular flow."

> **We need to ease the major bottlenecks in Sarjapur, Agara, and Iblur since the developing infrastruture has burdened traffic flow. BBMP must widen roads** – Vinod Jacob, NBF

Vinod Jacob, General Manager, NBF, said that peak hour vehicular density in the ORR area is very high due to the presence of commercial buildings, educational institutions, and offices. "We need to ease the major bottlenecks in Sarjapur, Agara, and Iblur since the developing infrastructure has burdened traffic flow. BBMP must work on road widening and BMRCL must provide alternate roads in their construction sites to allow easy passage of traffic."

KIA works on inclusive travelling

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From designated drop-off places at departure to priority check-in, and from braille menu cards to a customer service team trained in sign language, the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has lined up a slew of measures to ensure hassle-free and safe travel for people with disabilities (PwDs).

The KIA organised a walk-through activity on Thursday to inaugurate these special facilities for Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRM) along with a globally recognised program to make the airport friendly to people with hidden disabilities. "These initiatives are particularly for persons on wheelchairs or reduced mobility and visually impaired individuals. Now, entry gate 5 at departures will be open for wheelchair users and PRMs. Such passengers can utilise the designated drop-off space at departures and request priority check-in and a spot at the designated security check lane. BIAL has also introduced braille menus at all food establishments at the airport," said a BIAL spokesperson.

The globally recognised Hidden Disabilities Sunflower initiative is now being introduced at the airport. The initiative will help passengers with hidden disabilities such as anxiety and diabetes.

"The airport is now a Sunflower Airport. The program is designed to discreetly help passengers with hidden disabilities navigate public places. Hidden disabilities do not have physical signs and may not be obvious," said the spokesperson. Spacious pathways, wheelchair-accessible water fountains, and hospitable lounging places are other additional features at the terminal.

The idea is to ensure that every passenger gets to navigate through the airport with dignity.

Police to prepare early for peak traffic

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File photo of a major traffic congestion in Residency Road

Traffic police personnel, especially officers, have been asked to take control of the road before peak hour traffic begins. Special Commissioner (Traffic) MA Saleem said, "We have instructed officers to be on their respective spots even before the peak hour traffic starts. Usually, the city's peak hour is considered to be between 8 am and 11 am, and again between 5 pm to 8 pm. If the officers are at the spot beforehand, then they can manage the traffic better."

For a long time, there have been complaints that a section of the police is seen penalising violators rather than managing traffic. Saleem said, "The traffic police have three major tasks on the ground. Firstly, they are entrusted with the regulation of traffic and their role is very important for smooth flow of vehicles. Secondly, they have a duty to ensure enforcement of traffic rules and their presence is required to ensure no violations. Finally, they have to take care of road safety. As of now, we are prioritising staff members on regulation of traffic and road safety."

Students encouraged to use public transport

A big challenge for police is congestion in school zones. The problem is acute at places like Residency Road. Congestion extends to the top of the Richmond Circle flyover during school closing hours.
Saleem said, "We are reviving a 'safe road to school' project. For a while, we have been discussing with school authorities to encourage students and parents to use public transport instead of personal vehicles."

Sources said that the traffic police have drawn up an ambitious plan. In the next two years, they want to catch only drunken driving cases as most of the other violations would be monitored via high-tech cameras. The installation of cameras is ongoing and many more cameras are to be installed in the near future.

Saleem said that one of the major problems in the city is the road carrying capacity, which is quite poor. "While the roads have not seen big upgrades, there is an exponential increase in traffic. This is the reason why we're seeing traffic congestion during peak hours. As a remedy, we have taken a multi-pronged strategy. We are strictly prohibiting the entry of goods vehicles during peak hours. Although this rule has been in existence for a long time, we are enforcing this strictly now. Goods vehicles are being stopped outside the city and drivers are asked to wait until non-peak hours to enter or use alternative roads."

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You've got mail

Can sending fewer emails or emptying your inbox really help fight climate change?

The massive carbon footprint left behind by emails has been widely discussed by the media, but most of the time these discussions are exaggerated.

According to Agnes Pannier-Runacher, the French minister of energy transition, reducing the number of emails that are sent and deleting them would reduce the individual carbon footprint. News stories have voiced these ideas as well.

In a recently published paper, we found that some iconic digital activities, such as sending email, contribute marginally to the annual carbon footprint of information and communication technology users.

As researchers working on the environmental impacts of our actions, we believe it is important to dispel this myth, which has persisted for several years, so that we can focus on curbing the bigger sources of carbon footprints.

Carbon impact of emails

The idea that sending less emails would reduce a significant amount of greenhouse gases (GHG) was popularised by Mike Berners-Lee's book 'How Bad Are Bananas? The Carbon Footprint of Everything'.

The book mentions that a person's average annual email usage produces between three to 40 kilograms of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases or Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO_2e), which is the equivalent of driving between 16 to 206 kilometres in a small petrol car. These figures were picked up by several media outlets around the world, which helped to reinforce this idea.

Carbon values, as seen in Berners-Lee's book, have varied from 0.3 to 50 grams of CO_2e per email. But these numbers are constantly changing and seem minute when compared to the carbon footprints of the so-called solutions.

Quantifying the carbon footprint of sending emails, or any other digital service, is not an easy task. The results depend heavily on the assumptions made and the data used. And the energy efficiency of data transmission and storage is constantly improving.

Can sending fewer emails help?

So, what would happen if we decided to send drastically fewer emails or delete emails that are no longer useful? Apart from freeing up some space in the servers that host them, there is no evidence that we could substantially reduce the energy consumption of digital infrastructure. Here is why:

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Digital data storage and transmission systems operate 24/7, with a more or less constant base load of energy, even when not in use. Regardless of whether the email is sent or not, networks would use about the same amount of energy.

An incredible number of spam emails (122 billion in 2022) and genuine emails (22 billion) are sent every day. While these numbers seem alarming, email exchanges represent only one per cent of Internet traffic. In comparison, video streaming services account for about 82 per cent of internet traffic and could increase further in the coming years.

Knowing that 85 per cent of email traffic is actually spam, sending fewer emails at the individual level would have a limited influence on decreasing the amount of email traffic on the web.

Regardless of whether an email is sent or not, our computers and routers are always on. Electricity consumption associated with electronic devices, therefore, would remain more or less always the same. Very rarely do we turn on a computer just to send an email.

Impacts that are associated with the use of data centres and transmission networks are extremely low. To give you an idea, driving a kilometre in a compact car emits as much CO_2e as the electricity that is used to transmit and store 3,500 emails of five MB. The electricity needed to heat a cup of tea in a kettle consumes as much electricity as transferring and storing about 1,500 emails of one MB.

Deleting 1,000 emails would have a carbon benefit of about five grams CO_2e. However, the impact of using a laptop for 30 minutes (to delete these emails) emits 28 grams of CO_2e in provinces like Alberta that use high-carbon electricity. In Quebec, where the electricity production sector has one of the lowest carbon footprints, this figure amounts to about five grams of CO_2e. So, manually deleting emails can actually have a greater carbon impact than simply storing them, since you spend more time using the computer.

Reducing carbon impact of our email use

In order to quantify the carbon footprint of an email, it is necessary to take into account all of the steps that are involved in its life cycle, ranging from writing to receiving and reading emails, to saving or archiving them.

Overall, the carbon footprint of emails is mainly associated with the manufacturing of electronic devices that are used to write and read them.

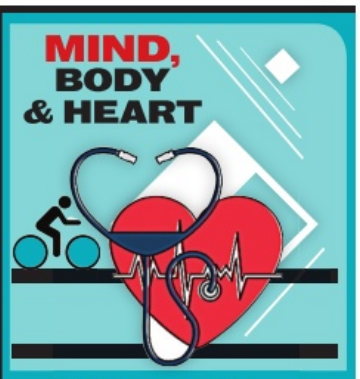
The actual use of the devices becomes more important, and may even be more important than manufacturing, because the electricity that is used to power these devices is produced mainly from fossil fuels.

The best way to reduce the carbon footprint of email is to buy fewer electronic products, retain these devices for as long as possible and use ones that consume less electricity.

Send emails when you need to or when you think the recipients will appreciate your message, even if it consists of just a simple thank you. Delete your emails if you want to save storage space, find what you are looking for more rapidly, or many other good reasons besides saving the planet.

- By Luciano Rodrigues Viana and Jean-François Boucher, University of Quebec, and Mohamed Cheriet, École de technologie supérieure (The Conversation)

MIND, BODY & HEART



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a man aged 62 and I recently asked my partner, who's 60, to marry me.
I was over the moon when she said yes. We met through a local movie club and have been seeing each other for just over a year.
It's a second marriage for both of us and we both have grown-up children who know about our relationship, but not that we're engaged.
We've been sitting on the news for a couple of weeks after deciding to tell our families at Christmas, but now we're getting cold feet. My fiance's kids have never met me (although she's met my children once) and now she's worried that springing the engagement news on them at Christmas is a bit unfair. I'm feeling a bit reluctant to set a date for the wedding, which is crazy because I love my fiance very much.
Can you help?

COLEEN SAYS

It sounds like you're both feeling a bit of pressure from the engagement, but don't really know how to articulate it to each other.
Perhaps you're worried that if you're honest about how you feel, you'll upset your partner or put the relationship I'm at risk.
I actually think it says a lot that you haven't been screaming your engagement news from the rooftops – there's definitely an uneasiness there for both of you and you have to talk about it. Are you carrying fears from your previous marriages? Are you worried marriage will change your relationship or is it more about what other people will think? You've got to get to the bottom of it!
If you love each other, your relationship will survive a bit of scrutiny. Being honest with each other is important for a happy life together, so don't let a fear of "rocking the boat" get in the way.
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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Big purse on offer for Galloping Goldmines

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The buzz is big, the stakes are high and the big moneyspinners at the Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) are raring to hit the Jackpot this winter. The premier racing centre has roped in Wolf 777, leading sports, gaming and entertainment group to sponsor the four winter classics including the blue riband of the season, the Wolf 777 Bangalore Winter Derby on the Republic Day and the new title sponsors, it is learnt have agreed to offer a big fat purse to the winners of the classics.

After sponsoring the coveted Filmfare awards in Mumbai and the forthcoming popular Sunburn Music Festival in Goa later this month, the Wolf 777 Group pleased with their promotion and sponsorship of racing events in all the premier racing centres are keen to provide a new saddle to Indian racing.

"At a time when most racing clubs are unable to offer good stakes follow-

ing the pandemic and the high 28 percent GST tax slab, WOLF 777 sponsorship of major events has provided a new dimension to the sport and we will be pleased to continue our association with our sponsors in the years ahead," said BTC chairman Shivkumar Kheny.

Kheny revealed that cyclone Mandous which hit Chennai had posed a threat to the first classic, the Wolf 777 1000 Guineas on Friday, Dec 16, but to the delight of the racing buffs and professionals the weather improved and the sponsors pleased with the response to the first classic, eight bred in the purple fillies ready for the showdown at sundown tomorrow are looking forward to a classic finish in the mile long classic event.

"The track is in ship-shape condition and the first two classic events have attracted the cream. The winter season so far has generated good interest among the railbirds and the management committee has spared no effort to provide clean and competitive racing," said Kheny.

After the first two classic events, the Bangalore Oaks, popularly known as the `Ladies Derby' is scheduled to be held on Saturday, Jan 7 and Kheny disclosed that the Oaks will prove to be a big draw card before the Derby and the Champion Of Champions events, the Indian Turf Invitation Cup, BTC is set to host on the first Sunday of March.

Govt schools 'decline' in state

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prescribed norms; as a result there is unhealthy competition between private and government schools... But government schools are based on the principle of social good and universalisation and private schools are based on the opposite altogether," public education expert Niranjan Aradhya.

"This competition is a big threat to government schools. The number of children enrolling in government schools is also declining drastically. If we continue at the same pace, we will have to shut down around 5,000 government schools in the coming 5-10 years. In Karnataka, already there are around 14,000 schools where the total enrolment is below 50. The reason is people are going to private schools but the government is not bothered about why it is so," he added further.

The UDISE+ report also revealed that the number of teachers in government schools declined from 2,08,168 to 1,99,057 from 2020-21 to 2021-22 in Karnataka. Though the enrollments in government schools in Karnataka have increased by 4 lakhs in the previous year, the gross enrolment ratio across all social groups is still the lowest in south India at 56.6.

"The compliance to RTE Act (Right to Education Act) in Karnataka is just about 23.6%... These norms in themselves are bare minimum already in terms of the number of classrooms, teachers, and availability of basic facilities like toilets, drinking water and so on. Even after 12 years, if they have reached just 23.6%, it will take them another 36 years to reach 100%," added Aradhya.

He further added that both the state and the central governments should be more willing to improve the quality of public education.

"The decrease in the establishment is because of lack of quality and accountability in government schools. The government made an outcry in the past two years that lakhs of students have shifted to government schools but if that was the case, a minimum of 100-200 new government schools should have been established in the state," D Shashi Kumar, general secretary, Karnataka Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools (KAMS), said.

Doctors for LGBT patients

Borderless.lgbt launched a LGBT health and wellness cloud on Thursday in the city to bring top LGBT health and wellness experts in the country and the world to support LGBT communities. This is a first-of-its-kind clinic of the future and home health initiative.

Dr Kumudwathi Reddy, medical director of DrSafehands, said Bengaluru needs 50 to 60 trained doctors to counsel and treat LGBT patients. "To have doctors trained in treating and counselling LGBT people will be a right option for the hospitals. A doctor has to allocate more time to treat LGBT people," she said. **BMB**

Vanishing birds of B'luru

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Wetlands would account for 40% of the bird species found in the city; together with woodland, they would account for two third of the bird life, variety-wise.

"However, now our lakes have gone. When one tampers with lakes, much before the variety of life drops, the first thing to drop is the population. And the population of water birds has dropped approximately by 80 to 90 percent. Where once we used to have the birds in thousands, there are almost none now. It is definitely true that there has been a decline in bird life in and around Bengaluru," said Dr. Krishna MB.

"Different kinds of birds visit our lakes. Some swim in the water, some feed on the banks, and yet others use the space outside the water and feed in the meadows and scrubland. All these birds have been affected differently. The number of fish-eating birds swimming in the water has increased remarkably. Birds like cormorants, darters and pelicans have increased over the past few decades. However, the open meadows and the scrub patches on the edges of the lakes have disappeared because of embankments or walkways coming up, and so did the birds that used these habitats of the lakes. The shallow lake margins have also disappeared due to the soup-bowl design of the lake bed; so when the water recedes it does not expose a lot of the muddy banks. Hence, the number of birds that feed on these shallow margins have also declined," Praveen J, scientist at Bird Count, India, said.

Some of the residents in the city also feel that the birds in the city have declined. Raman K, a resident of Bellandur, said: "I would often visit Bellandur Lake to appreciate the beauty of the waterbody as well as the birds that would be present. However, over the last two years, I did not notice a lot of birds. Along with the water quality, the birds visiting the area declined as well."

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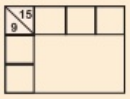
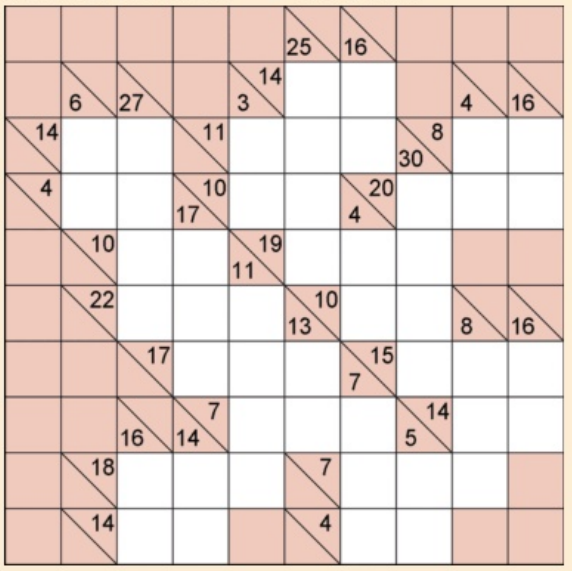
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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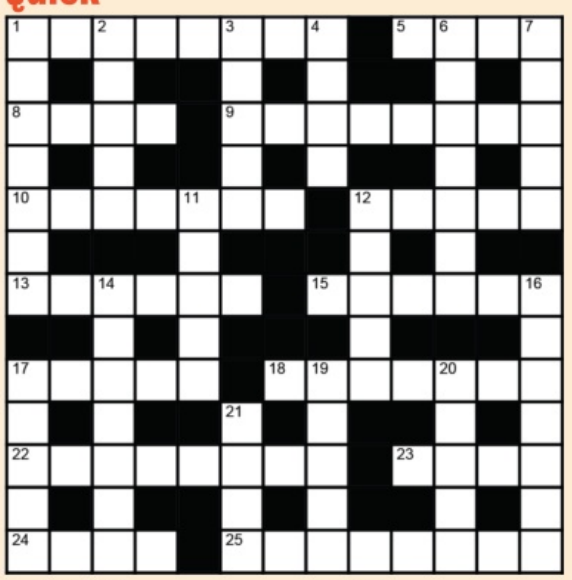

ACROSS

1 Giving away secret by indiscreet talk (8)
5 Concludes (4)
8 Ramesh Nadkarni to his friends and admirers (4)
9 Open to choice; optional (8)
10 Allegiance (7)
12 Special influence (5)
13 A supporter (6)
15 Famous landmark on the corner of Kasturba road and Vittal Mallya Road (2,4)
17 Punctuation mark? (5)
18 Level out (7)
22 Gum resin used in perfume (8)
23 Small branch (4)
24 Beams of light (4)
25 Ordinary citizen (8)

DOWN

1 Prattles or gossips, raves (7)
2 Entreat or solicit (5)
3 Not suitable (5)
4 Became larger (4)
6 Capital of Kenya (7)
7 Snow and rain (5)
11 Bed cloth (5)
12 Snake (5)
14 Slander; defamation (7)
16 Less in age (7)
17 Professorship (5)
19 Temporary substitute, especially for a doctor (5)
20 ___ Moses (Olympic hurdler) (5)
21 Metallic element (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: S EQUALS I

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You are an inspiration to me

Mindchow

It's sad that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom

Joke of the day

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city

Loop

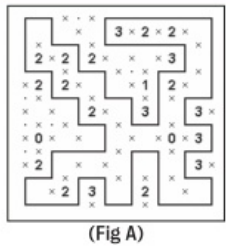
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

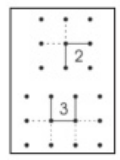
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

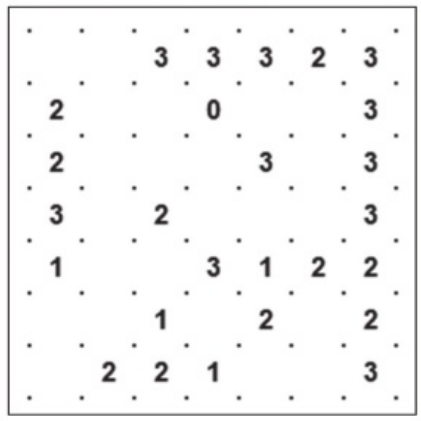
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



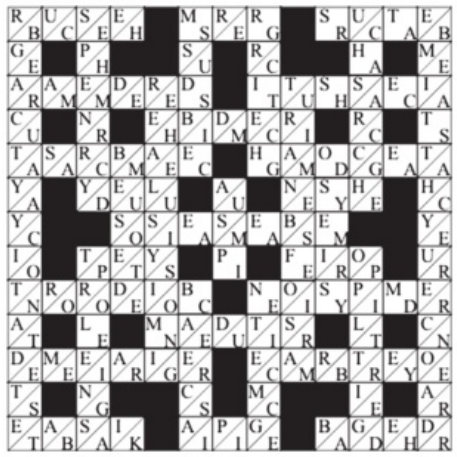
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



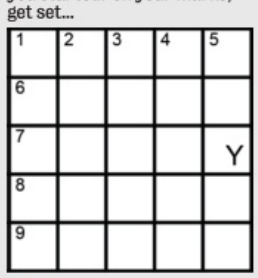
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

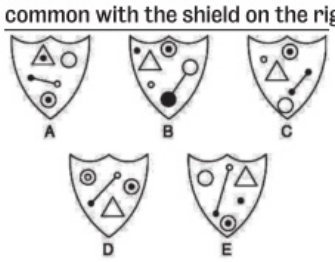
1 Lapse; 6 A gait; 7 Lay is; 8 Aleve; 9 Ruble

DOWN

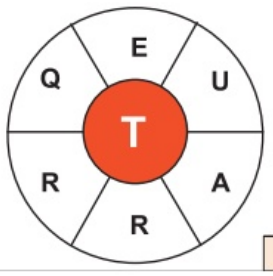
1 B list; 2 Lease; 3 Pauli; 4 Ave Ga; 5 Early

Mensapuzzle

Which shield below has most in common with the shield on the right?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

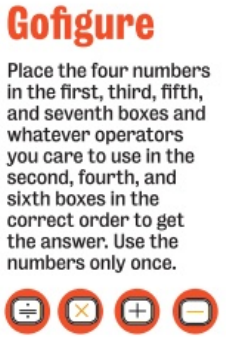
SudokuChallenge

9			5		4			2
	5		8		2		7	
		2		9		4		
1	7						5	6
		5				3		
3	8						2	4
		1		6		5		
	2		7		5		6	
5			1		9			8

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



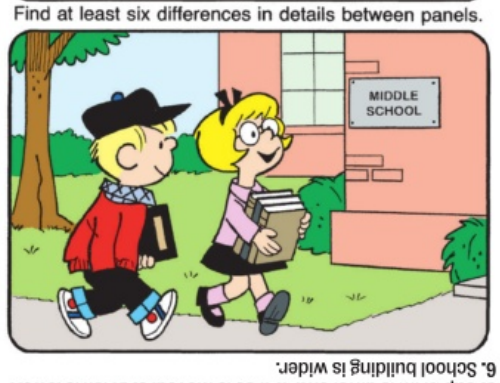
Easy = 10
2 4 4 8

Medium = 9
1 7 9 9

Hard = 31
3 4 5 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



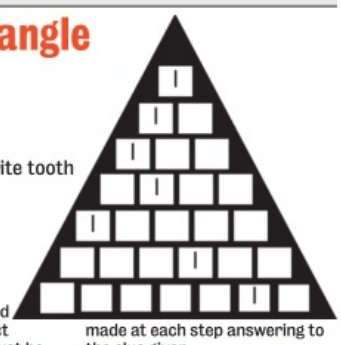
Differences: 1. Book is added. 2. Sign is higher. 3. Cap brim is different. 4. Tree is moved. 5. Brick is lower. 6. School building is wider.

Riddler

What connects the movies American Gangster, A Good Year and Thelma & Louise?

Alpha triangle

1 Egoistic letter
2 Not out
3 Travel stop
4 Muse count
5 Asinine
6 Vampire's favourite tooth
7 Confine



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

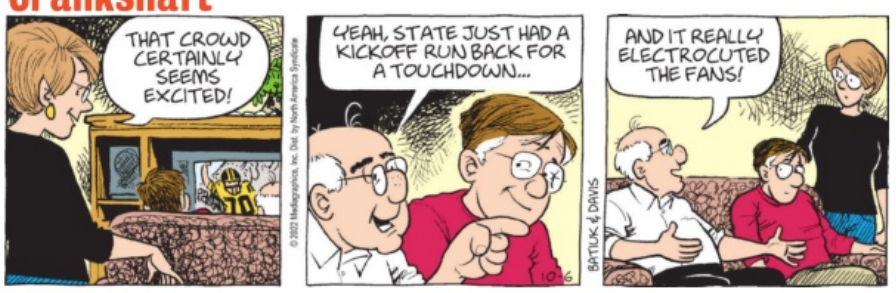
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

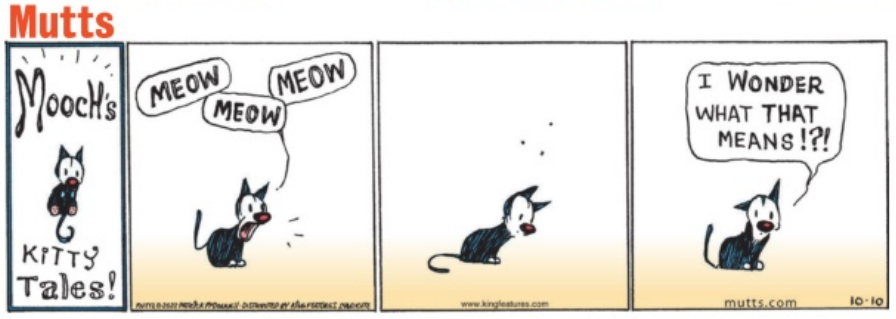
Hart of the city

TRUST ME, ALYSSA. I DON'T THINK SHARI TOOK YOUR MICROPHONE.
WHY SHOULD I TRUST YOU? WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANYWHERE!
HEY, YOU HIRED ME. I CAN WALK RIGHT OUT!
PLEASE, WALK OUT!

Crankshaft


THAT CROWD CERTAINLY SEEMS EXCITED!
YEAH, STATE JUST HAD A KICKOFF RUN BACK FOR A TOUCHDOWN...
AND IT REALLY ELECTROCUTED THE FANS!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may enjoy your family and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help with the smooth completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may enjoy it at work. You may get rewards for your hard work. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind can make you tired. Due to workload, you may not be able to reach some family events. Chronic health issues related to your parents may be cured now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may be satisfied with your work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some spiritual place to maintain your inner peace. Your elders are likely to show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today your moon becomes negative. You may feel dull. It is advised to keep your mind cool. Remember to think twice before you act. You may have to travel to recover your money, otherwise you may lose it. You are also advised to avoid adventure tours. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel good, and domestic harmony will make you happy. You will meet some influential person who will help you get some benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well at your job. You may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property are likely to settle down.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may be healthy and will be able to focus on your goals. our performance may be very good at work. Your boss may be happy with you. You may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in legal matters. You are likely to have control over your opponents and business rivals.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be more intellectual. You may prefer gaining knowledge. You may understand the value of intellectual assets. You may control your short temperedness, which may help you perform your task smoothly. There may be some chances in terms of smooth earnings, which may give you comfort in the workflow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today your moon becomes negative. You may feel negativity around you. You may find your responsibilities to be a burden. You may be in a hurry to complete a task given to you. You can make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may be slow, which could affect your day-to-day work. Projects may be delayed. You are advised to take advice from your elders before taking any important decision.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon and may hear good news from your sibling. You may spend your time with family and friends. With the help of creativity, you may plan to renovate your house or office. You may start new partnerships with a family member which will be beneficial in the near future. Your juniors may help you.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel negative. Tasks become incomplete. You may be a victim of mood swings and your patience may be tested many times. Silly mistakes can make you confused. Lovebirds find themselves to be confused in terms of feelings. More expectations may affect your emotional attachment with your spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose their concentration.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today the positive moon may help you. You may feel happiness and peace of mind. You may work efficiently in your professional life and your subordinates will cooperate with you to take some important business decisions. You may plan to start a new venture with the help of your siblings and network, which may be beneficial for the growth of business. It is advised to take proper rest to maintain your enthusiasm.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today your moon becomes negative. You may face detachment from your responsibilities. You may also spend more on purchasing worthless things, which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise you may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature on them.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
=√((3^9−3!))/√3
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=√(75)/√3
=(5√3)/√3
=5

BULL'S EYE
quart, QUARTER, rate, tear, true, truer

STRIKE OUT

T	A	S	K		A	P	E		A	G	E	D		
S		N		C		C		I		R				
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FAST FIVE

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I	S	L	A	Y
L	E	A	V	E
B	L	U	E	R

QUOTE UNCODE
By the time I'd grown up, I naturally supposed that I'd be grown up.

QUICK

R	A	Y	S		C	O	M	M	O	N	E	R		
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RIDDLER
They are all films directed by Ridley Scott

MENSA PUZZLE
E: it contains exactly the same symbols as the original.

SUDOKU

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6	5	4	8	1	2	9	7	3
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1	7	9	4	2	3	8	5	6
3	8	6	9	5	1	7	2	4
2	4	5	6	8	7	3	9	1
8	2	3	7	4	5	1	6	9
4	9	1	2	6	8	5	3	7
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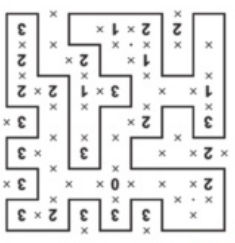
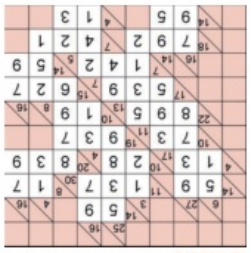
ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, In, Inn, Nine, Inane, Canine, Enchain.

LOOP



GO FIGURE
Easy
2 − 4 + 8 + 4 = 10
Medium
9 − 7 − 1 x 9 = 9
Hard
3 + 4 x 5 − 4 = 31

KAKURO



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Movies

Challenging role, indeed

Apoorva Bharadwaj takes on difficult role of sex worker for her upcoming film

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Apoorva Bharadwaj of Critical Keerthanegalu fame is on Cloud Nine. The reason: Apoorva has achieved something she did not believe was her cup of tea. She has bagged a challenging role of a sex worker in the upcoming Naanu Adu Mattu Saroja.

According to director Vinay Preetham, three leading ladies refused the role as they did not want to take it up. "I was very happy when Apoorva Bharadwaj ma'am agreed to play the role that was rejected by three heroines. She has done a good job," said Vinay Preetham.

Expressing happiness about getting such an opportunity to showcase her acting skills, Apoorva said that the director Vinay Preetham helped her a lot to understand the body language of sex workers. "Playing a sex worker was a challenge for me. The director provided me with a few videos. I also watched a few movies made on Kamathipura to know about the lifestyle of sex workers," said Apoorva.

She said that acting with veteran actor Dattatreya and amiable and gregarious actor Yogi was a great experience during the shooting of this movie. "Dattatreya and Yogi helped me a lot during the shooting. The movie has all the elements to entertain the audiences. I want Kannada movie-goers to encourage this movie by watching it at theaters. I personally like to watch movies at theaters instead of on OTT platforms," she said.

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Tale of a photo studio

Rajesh Dhruva, who is known for his performance in TV serial Agni Sakshi, debuts as a director on the silver screen by handling the megaphone for Sri Balaji Photo Studio. The movie's soundtrack was released by Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy Chairman Ashok Kashyap and actor Vijaya Raghavendra at SRV Theater, Malleswaram on Monday.

Kashyap said, "The script of this movie is unique and each frame of the movie is good. I wish all the best to the entire team," said Kashyap.

According to Rajesh Dhruva, the movie is about the sentiments of a photographer for a photo studio. He said that all the actors were given training in delivering dialogues in the Uttara Kannada diction. Rajesh Dhruva plays a key role in the movie besides handling the megaphone.

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